

Hunting and Trapping

Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department
of Fish and Game

Emergency Order 05-07-16

Issued at Nome, Alaska
September 09, 2016

Effective Date: 11:59 p.m.
September 09, 2016

Expiration Date: June 30, 2017

EXPLANATION:

This emergency order closes the State resident fall season for antlered bull moose by registration permit hunt RM841 in Central Unit 22(A) at 11:59 p.m. on September 09, 2016. The hunt area covered by this closure includes the Unalakleet River drainage and all drainages flowing into Norton Sound north of the Golsovia River drainage and south of the Tagoomenik and Shaktoolik River drainages. The harvest quota of 22 antlered bulls is expected to be reached by the season closing date announced in this emergency order. No further harvest is warranted.

All other moose seasons and bag limits in Unit 22(A) remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

REGULATION:

Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.045 (a) (20) HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR MOOSE** are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting moose in a portion of Unit 22(A):

Units and Bag Limits	Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Nonresident Open Season
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Unit 22(A), that portion in the Unalakleet River drainage and all drainages flowing into Norton Sound north of the Golsovia River drainage and south of the Tagoomenik and Shaktoolik River drainages

1 antlered bull by registration

Sept. 1–Sept. 9

No open season.

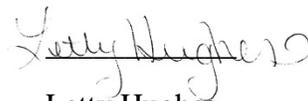
permit only or

1 antlered bull by registration permit only; during the period Dec. 1 – Jan. 31, a season may be announced by emergency order	Dec. 1 – Dec. 31 (To be announced)	No open season.
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All other moose hunting regulations in Unit 22 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Sam Cotten
Commissioner

By delegation to:



Letty Hughes
Assistant Area Biologist

JUSTIFICATION:

Moose seasons in the central portion of Unit 22(A) were closed in 2005 due to a declining trend in the moose population since 1989. A stratified moose census completed in March 2007 estimated 339 moose in the area, and beginning in 2008 the Alaska Board of Game adopted a registration moose hunt regulation with harvest quotas to prevent over harvest. The 2012 stratified moose census estimated 545 moose in the area. The Department set a harvest quota of 22 antlered bull moose in this portion of Unit 22(A) for regulatory year 2016-2017. The harvest quota of 22 antlered bulls is expected to be reached by the season closing date announced in this emergency order.

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